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SUBJECT: VISIT OF THAI MINISTERS

1. THAI MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS KHUNYING LOESAK SOMBATSIRI AND THAI MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AIR MARSHAL PHOEM LIMPISAWAT WILL BE VISITING THE UNITED STATES TO ATTEND LOS ANGELES INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF A DC-10 B THAI INTERNATIONAL IS PURCHASING. KHUNYING LOESAK, ONE OF THE FIRST TWO WOMEN CABINET MINISTERS IN THAI HISTORY, ARRIVES IN NEW YORK AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 28 AND AIR MARSHAL PHOEM MARCH 2. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING A LUNCHEON MEETING ON MARCH 1 FOR KHUNYING LOESAK OR MARCH 2 FOR BOTH MINISTERS WITH LEADING BUSINESSMEN AND BANKERS TO PROMOTE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THAILAND. BCIU OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATION WOULD BE SUITABLE FORUM.

2. THE MINISTERS WOULD ALSO CONSIDER GOING TO WASHINGTON IF APPOINTMENTS COULD BE ARRANGED WITH SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION BROCK ADAMS AND COMMERCE SECRETARY JUANITA KREPS AS WELL AS STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSING LUNCHEON INTEREST WITH APPROPRIATE NEW YORK BUSINESS GROUPS AND
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DETERMINING POSSIBILITY DESIRED WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS.

3. KHUNYING LOESAK'S OFFICE SAYS THAI AMBASSADOR TO UN HAS BEEN INFORMED OF VISIT. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAI AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON ALSO BE NOTIFIED ENABLE DEPARTMENT COORDINATE VISIT WITH HIM. KHUNYING LOESAK'S

COMPLETE ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1977

1555 ARRIVE NEW YORK FROM FRANKFURT ON LH 404.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1977

1200 DEPART NEW YORK ON TW 7.

1442 ARRIVE LOS ANGELES.

COCKTAILS AND DINNER HOSTED BY DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1977

DEPART LOS ANGELES BY CAR FOR LONG BEACH TO ATTEND
INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF DC-10.

RETURN TO L.A. BY CAR.

1600 DEPART L.A. ON UA 878.

1655 ARRIVE MONTEREY.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1977

DEPART MONTEREY TO SAN FRANCISCO AND BACK TO BANGKOK.

FLIGHT NOT YET CONFIRMED.

4. KHUNYING LOESAK, 52, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. SHE
IS ATTRACTIVE, DYNAMIC AND ARTICULATE. SHE HAS BEEN
PROMINENT IN BUSINESS AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES FOR MANY
YEARS. SHE WAS THE OWNER OF THE LARGEST BANGKOK BUS
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COMPANY AND RETAINS EXTENSIVE BUSINESS INTERESTS. THE
EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST TO
ARRANGE A PROGRAM FOR HER. WE UNDERSTAND MARSHAL PHOEM
WISHES TO PLAY A MORE PASSIVE ROLE DURING THE VISITS.
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